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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-102. (Canceled)

103. (Previously Presented) A camera selecting method for selecting a camera which can monitor a specific subject from among images of a plurality of cameras, comprising:

storing plural pairs of information, with each pair including a name of a subject and information specifying at least one of said plurality of cameras which can monitor said subject;

inputting text indicative of the specific subject to be searched for;

searching the plural pairs of information for a pair of information which has data corresponding to the text having been inputted;

selecting one of said plurality of cameras specified by the information included in the pair of information found by the searching;

displaying on a display unit a video image output from a camera designated by the selecting.

104. (Previously Presented)   An image searching method according to Claim 103, wherein the image displaying step includes a substep of synthesizing a graphics representing the subject thus specified on the video image displayed on the display unit.

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105. (Previously Presented)   An image searching method according to Claim 103, wherein the inputting step includes a substep of inputting the search key by using voice.

106. (Canceled)

107. (Previously Presented) A camera selecting apparatus for selecting a camera which can monitor a specific subject from among images of a plurality of cameras, comprising:

a storage to store plural pairs of information, with each pair including a name of a subject and information specifying at least one of said plurality of cameras which can monitor said subject;

a user-interface to input text indicative of the specific subject to be searched for;

a search unit to search the plural pairs of information for a pair of information which has data corresponding to the text having been inputted;

a selecting unit to select one of said plurality of cameras specified by the information included in the pair of information found by the search unit;

a video image searching a display unit to display , when the subject fitting to the search key is specified by the subject searching unit, an output video camera image from a camera designated by the selecting unit.

108. (Canceled)

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109. (Previously presented)   An image searching apparatus according to Claim 107, comprising a synthesizing display unit which synthesizes a graphics representing the subject on the video image searched by the video image searching unit.

110. and 111. (Canceled)